

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN GEORGE GOLIE**, on March 1, 2005 at  
4:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. George Golie, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Paul Clark, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Scott Sales, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. John Balyeat (R)  
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)  
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Tom Facey (D)  
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Harry Klock (R)  
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)  
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)  
Rep. Art Noonan (D)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. John Ward (R)  
Rep. Bill Warden (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Larry Jent (D)

**Staff Present:** Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 487, 2/22/2005; HB 514,  
2/22/2005; HB 597, 2/22/2005  
Executive Action: HB 272; HB 421; HB 34

**HEARING ON HB 514**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:38 REP. GAIL GUTSCHE (D), HD 99, opened the hearing  
on HB 514, Increase restitution for illegal taking  
of grizzly bear.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:53 Tom France, Director, Northern Rockies Office,  
National Wildlife Federation

[EXHIBIT\(fih45a01\)](#)

00:09:26 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Department of  
Fish, Wildlife & Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fih45a02\)](#)

00:13:02 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

[EXHIBIT\(fih45a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:14:44 REP. BROWN

00:17:40 REP. MILBURN

00:20:07 REP. WARD

00:23:18 REP. KOOPMAN

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:24:59 REP. GAIL GUTSCHE (D), HD 99, closed the hearing  
on HB 514.

**HEARING ON HB 597**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:28:07 REP. ALAN OLSON (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on  
HB 597, Revise nonresident eligibility for hunting  
and fishing licenses.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:30:29 Jim Mockler, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council

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**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

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**Informational Testimony:**

00:33:16 Jim Kropp, Chief of Enforcement, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

**EXHIBIT** (fih45a04)

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:35:13 REP. WARD

00:36:49 REP. CLARK

00:39:50 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:41:46 REP. ALAN OLSON (R), HD 45, closed the hearing on HB 597.

**HEARING ON HB 487**

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**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:44:50 REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 487, Increase penalties for fishing and hunting violations.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:46:47 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

**EXHIBIT** (fih45a05)

00:50:50 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

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**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:51:58 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

00:54:35 Robert A. Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

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**Informational Testimony:** None.

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:32 REP. WARDEN

00:57:00 REP. EVERETT

00:58:30 REP. KOOPMAN

01:03:16 REP. WARD

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Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:30      **REP. DAVE GALLIK (D)**, HD 79 closed the hearing on  
HB 487.

01:07:45      Chairman Golie passes Chairman responsibilities to  
Vice Chair Clark

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 421

01:07:58      Motion:    **REP. GOLIE** moved that HB 421 DO PASS.

01:08:21      Motion:    **REP. GOLIE** moved that HB 421 BE AMENDED.  
[EXHIBIT](#)(fih45a06)

Vote:    Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with **REP.**  
**WARD** voting no and **REPS. FACEY** and **JENT** voting by  
proxy.

01:10:15      Motion:    **REP. GOLIE** moved that HB 421 DO PASS AS  
AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:11:37      **REP. BROWN**

01:12:20      **REP. KOOPMAN**

01:13:36      **REP. GOLIE**

01:14:45      **REP. WARD**

01:16:24      **REP. MILBURN**

01:16:47      **REP. EVERETT**

01:17:07      Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division

01:17:57      **VICE CHAIR CLARK**

01:19:04      Vote:    Motion carried 13-7 by roll call vote with  
**REPS. BALYEAT, EVERETT, KOOPMAN, MILBURN, SALES,**  
**WARD,** and **WARDEN** voting no with **REPS. FACEY** and  
**JENT** voting by proxy.

01:20:26      Chairman Golie assumed Committee Chair  
responsibilities

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 272

01:20:59      Motion:    **REP. BROWN** moved that HB 272 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:21:32      Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division  
[EXHIBIT](#)(fih45a07)

01:23:17      Motion:    **REP. DRISCOLL** moved that HB 272 BE  
AMENDED.

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01:24:20 Rep. Facey arrives at committee meeting

**Discussion:**

01:26:05 REP. KOOPMAN

01:28:00 REP. WARD

01:28:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote  
with REP. JENT voting by proxy.

01:29:05 **Motion:** REP. DRISCOLL moved that HB 272 DO PASS  
AS AMENDED.

**Discussion:**

01:29:15 REP. FACEY

01:29:55 REP. CLARK

01:31:30 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Department of  
Fish, Wildlife & Parks

01:32:19 REP. BECKER

01:34:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-2 by roll call vote with  
REP. BECKER and REP. WARD voting no and REP. JENT  
voting by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 34**

01:35:17 **Motion:** REP. BROWN moved that HB 34 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

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01:35:28 REP. BROWN

01:36:09 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

01:36:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote  
with REP. JENT voting by proxy.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:40 P.M.

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REP. GEORGE GOLIE, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([fih45aad0.TIF](#))**